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SUBJECT: ASIAN PEACE CONFERENCE

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1. IN WHAT PRESS BILLED AS MASSIVE (IT WAS
COMPARATIVELY SMALL) RALLY MAY 22 AT DACCA' S
CENTRAL MOSQUE, AWAMI LEAGUE GENERAL SECRETARY
ZILLUR RAHMAN DENOUNCED " SINISTER DESIGNS OF AGENTS
OF CHINA, PAKISTAN, AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS TO FOIL
ASAIN PEACE CONFERENCE".

2. RALLY WAS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY AWAMI LEAGUE,
NAP/ MUZAFFAR, COMMUNIST PARTY OF BANGLADESH (MONI
SINGH), AWAMI JUBO LEAGUE, CHHATRA LEAGUE, AND
SRAMIK LEAGUE. OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED CPB' S
MONI SINGH, NAP MUZAFFAR AHMED AND ABDUL
MANNAN OF SRAMIK LEAGUE. ALL SPEAKERS DENOUNCED
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THEN FASTING MAULANA BHASHANI AND HIS PARTY FOR TRYING TO SABOTAGE PEACE COUNCIL MEETING IN DACCA. AN ALMOST INEVITABLE CLASH WITH BHASHANI'S NAP RALLY TAKING PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY A FEW HUNDRED YARDS AWAY IN DACCA'S PALTAN MAIDEN WAS AVOIDED BY TORRENTIAL DOWNPOUR WHICH WASHED OUT BOTH RALLIES.

3. IN OTHER PEACE COUNCIL DEVELOPMENTS PRIMIN TODAY AWARDED JOLIOT CURIE PEACE MEDAL AT OPENING SESSION OF CONFERENCE. PRESS REPORTS STATE SOME 74 FOREIGN DELEGATES HAVE ARRIVED IN DACCA TO PARTICIPATE IN THREE - DAY MEETING. DELEGATES WERE RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY MFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AGRICULTURE MINISTER ABDUS SAMAD AND SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS. CONFERENCE RECEIVING HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE. ANTI- AMERICAN ASPECTS THUS FAR INCLUDE STATEMENTS BY AWAMI LEAGUE GENERAL SECRETARY PLUS NUMBER OF POSTERS DEPICTING US " ATROCITIES" IN VIETNAM. VIETNAM PEACE MEMORIAL DESTROYED MAY 21 DURING NAP/ B HARTAL HAS BEEN RE- ERECTED AND UNDER HEAVY POLICE GUARD. (SEE CHARGE' S REPORT SEPTEL). NEWBERRY

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